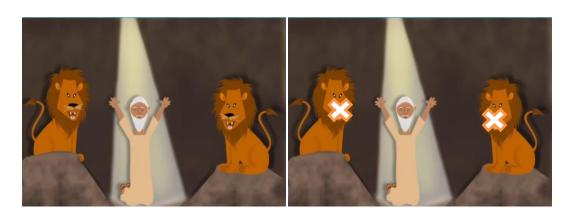
天使守护着你

祂要为你吩咐祂的使者,在你一切所行的路上保护你。—— 诗篇 91:11

嗨,孩子们,今天我们来谈谈天使吧!我们是如此熟悉天使的形象,只需通过他们的形状,我们可以轻而易举就认出他们来。但我们到底对天使真正了解多少呢?我们知道他们作为神的使者出现在圣诞节的故事里:有一位天使给马利亚带来好消息;又有一位天使出现在一些牧羊人面前,告诉他们在哪里可以找到婴孩耶稣;还有很多很多其他的天使也出现了,正在歌唱赞美神!



但是你知道吗?天使也出现在圣经的其他章节噢!就像但以理在狮子坑里的故事,你还记得为什么天使出现吗?是来传递好消息?不是的,在这个故事中,神差遣使者封住狮子的口来保护但以理。在圣经中,每次提到有天使出现,他们都是在做神吩咐他们做的事。现在你了解了圣经里的天使,我有个有趣的问题要问你:你认为现在还有天使存在吗?如果你的答案是"有",那你就答对了!即使在今天,神仍然差遣祂的天使去做祂想让他们做的事。



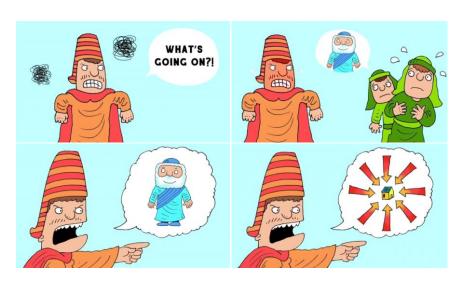
看诗篇 91:11, "**池要为你吩咐池的使者,在你一切所行的路上保护你。**"这一节经文,你可能已经读过很多遍,甚至还背诵过了。但是,这到底是什么意思呢?同是这节经文还有另外一个版本,就是: "神已经派祂的使者掌管你一切。无论你走到哪里,他们都会守护着你。"想想看——神如此爱我们到这个地步,祂要差遣祂的天使每天每分钟都在守护着我们!



哇! 也许你们有些人现在会想: **那么我为什么从来没看见过一个天使呢?** 你听说过特工吗? 特工的工作就是要保护非常非常重要的人物,保护像国王、王后和总统这样的人。他们被称为特工,因为他们要秘密地从事工作不要被发现。在电影里,特工通常是这样行事的,他们不会让别人注意到自己,因为只有当他们不受关注的时候,他们才能把事情做到最好。**我们的神看待我们是如此的宝贵,以至于祂要派天上的"特工"来保护我们,这是多么令人敬畏的事!**



今天的故事来自列王记下第 6 章,它告诉我们:亚兰王计划攻打以色列,神就差遣天使来保护先知以利沙,使他免受愤怒的亚兰王的伤害。"啊哈!"亚兰王说:"这一次我们必定攻取以色列人。"但每次亚兰试图进攻,以色列都逃脱了,这让亚兰王非常非常生气。"怎么回事?!"王咆哮着说,"以色列人好像很了解我们的底细。"于是王召见他的将领,要问个究竟:"你们当中有人是间谍,是谁在为以色列做间谍?告诉他们我们所有的计划?"他的随从回答说:"不是我们,是先知以利沙,是他把这一切都告诉了以色列王。甚至你在卧室里说的话,他都知道。"这使亚兰王比先前更恼火了:"去捉拿以利沙,全面包围他所在的城市,准备发动攻击!"



亚兰人的军队开始行动,他们行军到以利沙住的那座城,把整座城都包围了。所以,当以利沙的仆人第二天醒来时,你猜他看到了什么?许许多多的敌军,从四面八方围困了他们。"哦,我的天啊!"这位少年人大声尖叫起来,"主人,我们该怎么办?"如果你被敌人完全包围了,你会怎么办?但以利沙并没有像他的仆人那样惊慌,以利沙却平静地说:"不要惧怕!与我们同在的,比与他们同在的更多。"你可以想象一下仆人的反应:"嗯??"因为以利沙接着说:"耶和华啊,求你开这少年人的眼目,使他能看见。"当以利沙祷告的时候,你猜仆人看见了什么?在列王记下写道:"耶和华开了少年人的眼目,他看见了,看哪,满山有火车火马围绕以利沙。"少年人看到了火车火马,这可不是一支普通的军队,这是神的天使军。



让我们停一下,想一想,这支天使军队可不是刚刚才到的。他们早已经在那里准备就绪,在 等候神的命令了。**这节经文告诉我们,满山有火车火马。亚兰人的军队很大,但是神的天使军更 大更强!** 如果仆人从一开始就看到了天使军队,你认为他会惊慌失措吗?



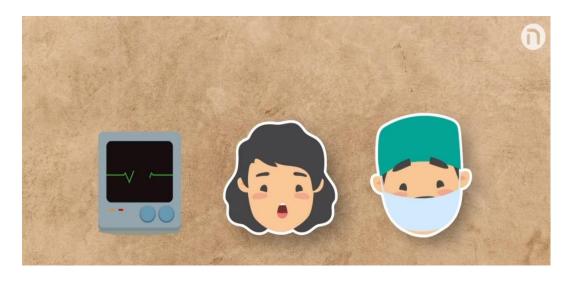
圣经接着告诉我们,当敌人开始靠近他的时候,以利沙就祷告,这次他祈求神使敌人的眼目昏迷。这就是神的作为,那天,神的天使们使敌方的士兵的眼目都昏迷了。士兵们非常困惑,他们不知道自己在哪里,也不知道该做什么。以利沙来到他们那里,对他们说:"伙计们,这不是你要去的路,也不是你要找的城。跟我来,我会带你们去找你要找的人。"你猜接下来发生了什么?敌兵们听从了以利沙的话,就跟随他,一直来到以色列王那里。当敌人想要抓拿以利沙的时候,神派祂的天使来帮助以利沙反而抓捕了敌人,多棒啊!



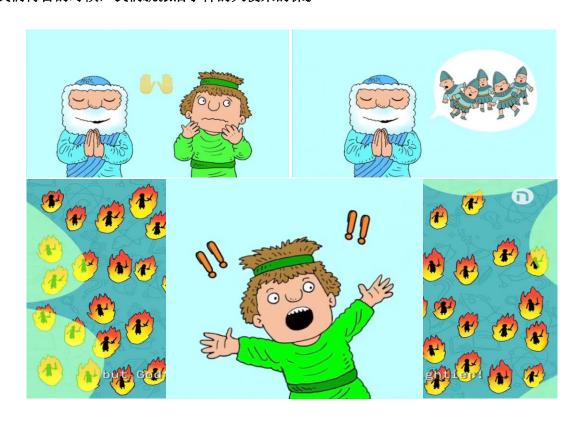
接下来,让我告诉你,在几年前,发生在一位主日学老师身上的事。有一天,这位老师在家打扫卫生的时候,她看到电源插座上有个插头挂在插座外面。她没意识到自己的手是湿的,就顺手去把插头插进去。你们当中有多少人知道:用湿的手去触摸电源插头和插座是多么危险的一件事!就在那一刻,她感到自己的手开始颤抖,接着是她的手臂,然后她的整个身体也开始颤抖起来。"哦,我的天啊!我动不了,我想我是触电了。"她对自己说,"我该怎么办呢?"她被吓到了。"耶稣!"她喊叫出来,就在那一瞬间,她被往后甩去,摔到了几步远处,就这样,她才得以摆脱摄住她在原地的电流。



后来,到了医院,医生说:"哇,我简直不敢相信,你的心跳只差一点点就消失了。所发生在你身上的事故是非常危险的,会致死的。你这次是非常幸运的了!"当她听到这里时,老师笑了,她知道不是运气让她活下来,是我们的多么好的神在那天救了她。是神派天使把她拉扯开吗?无人知道。那天,她当然没有看到任何天使。嘿,就像我们在圣经故事中所学习到的那样,并不会因为我们没有看到过天使,就意味着他们不存在噢!



既然我们知道有天使守护着我们,我们会怎么做?我们会拿自己的安全去冒险吗?不会的,神的保护应许不会使我们变得鲁莽。我们不会愚蠢地把自己置于危险之中,反而是,**我们感谢神是如此的爱我们,爱到祂要命令祂的天使们在我们所做的一切事情上保护我们!**这意味着他们守护着我们,保护着我们,不是某些时候,而是每时每刻。我们也感谢我们的神是如此的好,当我们祈祷时,祂聆听我们的祷告。当以利沙祷告的时候,神吩咐祂的天使军照以利沙所说的去做。当我们祷告的时候,我们就激活了神的天使来的保护!



好消息是,我们甚至不需考虑该如何祷告,最好和最有力的祷告是——我们说出神所说的话。让我们来看看今天的经文。你可以打开你的圣经,和我一起读,可以在上面做标记,诗篇91:11 中说: "因为祂要为你吩咐祂的使者,在你一切所行的路上保护你。"说神所说的话,并宣告这节经文是属于你的,说: "祂为我吩咐祂的使者,在我一切所行的路上保护我。"现在,我想要你说出你的名字,这样跟我说: "祂吩咐祂的天使掌管我______(说你的名字)的一切,在我______(说你的名字)一切所行的路上保护我。"如果你相信,就说一个大大的"阿门"!

孩子们,如果你正在听这个故事,你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命,成为你的主和救主,你现在可以这样做,跟着我重复这个祷告: "亲爱的主耶稣,感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子,你死了,也被埋葬,第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪,使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里,成为我的主和救主,我永远是个义人,永远是有福的,永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名,阿门!

ANGELS TO WATCH OVER YOU

For He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. Psalm 91: 11, NKJV

Hey Rock Kids, today we want to talk about angels! We are so familiar with the idea of angels that we can recognize them just by their shape. But how much we actually understand about angels? We know they appear in the Christmas story as messengers from God. An angel came to tell Mary good news. An angel also appeared to some shepherds to tell them where to find baby Jesus. The lots and lots of other angels also appeared to sing praises to God.

But did you know that angels appear in other parts of the Bible as well? Like in the story of Daniel in the lions' den. Can you remember why the angel shows up? Hmm, to deliver some good news? No! In this story, God sent the angel to protect Daniel by closing up the lions' mouths. Each time an angel appears in the Bible, they are there to do what god tells them to do. Now that you know about angels in the Bible, here's an interesting question for you. Do you think that there are still angels today? Hmm...If your answer is 'yes', you are right! Even today – God still sends His angels to do what He wants them to do.

Look at this verse in psalm 91: 11, "For He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." You may have read this verse many times maybe even memorized it. But, what does it really mean? Here is the same verse in another version: "He has put His angels in charge of you. they will watch over you wherever you go." Just think – God loves us so much He sends his angels to watch over us every minute of every day.

Wow! Maybe some of you are now thinking, "Then how come I have never seen one?" Well, have you ever heard of the Secret Service? The Secret Service are the men and women whose jobs are to protect very important people, like kings and queens and presidents. They are called the Secret Service because they work undercover and in secret! In the movies, Secret Service agents often look like this. They don't draw attention to themselves because they do their jobs best when they go unnoticed. How awesome is it to know that we are so very important to God that He sends His heavenly 'Secret Service' to guard and watch over us!

Today's Bible story if from 2 Kings 6, and it tells us about the time God sent His angels to protect the prophet Elisha from an angry enemy king. The king of Syria made plans to attack Israel. "Aha!" the king said, "We will surely get Israel this time!" But each time Syria tried to attack, Israel escaped! This made the king of Syria very, very mad. "What's going on?! The king growled, "it's almost like Israel knows exactly what we are going to do!" The king called his leaders and demanded an answer. "One of you is a spy! Who is spying for Israel and telling them all our plans!" "Not us!" answered his men, "It's prophet Elisha! He is the one telling the king of Israel everything! Why, he even knows the things you say in your bedroom!" This made the king of Syria madder than ever — "Find Elisha! Surround his city completely and prepare to attack!"

And that was just what the Syrian army did – they marched to where Elisha was and totally surrounded him. So, when Elisha's servant woke up the next day, guess what he saw? Lots and lots and lots enemy

soldiers, surrounding them on all sides! "Oh no!" the young man cried, "Master! What do we do?!" What would you do if you were completely surrounded y your enemy? But Elisha did not panic like his servant. Instead, Elisha calmly said, "Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." You can imagine the servant going "Huh??" because the next thing Elisha said was "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see. As soon as Elisha prayed, guess what the servant saw? In 2 Kings, it says: "... Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." The young man saw horses and chariots of fire. This was not a regular army. This was the angel army of Lord!

Stop and think about this for a moment. The angel army did not just arrive. They were already there – ready and waiting. The verse tells us that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire. The Syrian army was big, but God's angel army was bigger and mightier! Do you think the servant would have a panicked if he had seen the angel army right from the start? Hmm...

The Bible tells us that when the enemy started to move towards him, Elisha prayed. This time he prayed for God to make the enemy become blind. And that was what God did. That day, God's angels made the enemy soldiers all blind. The soldiers were so confused, they did not know where they were or what to do. So when Elisha went to them and said, "Hey Guys, this is not the right way. This is not the right city. Follow me! I will lead you to the man you are looking for. And guess what? The enemy soldiers listened to him and followed him — all the way to the king of Israel. When the enemy wanted to capture Elisha, God sent His angels to help Elisha capture the enemy instead. Amazing!

Let me tell you about what happened to a Rock Kidz teacher some years ago. This teacher was cleaning her house one day when she saw a plug hanging out of the power socket. Without thinking that her hands were wet, she reached out to push the plug in. How many of you know that it is very dangerous to touch electrical plugs and socket with wet hands? At that moment, she felt her hands start to shake. Then her arms and then her whole body started to shake as well. "Oh no! I can't move, I think I' m being electrocuted!" she said to herself, "What am I going to do?" She was very frightened. "Jesus!" she cried out. That very instant, she was thrown backwards and fell a few feet away. Just like that, she was free from the electricity that had pinned her to the spot.

Later at the hospital, the doctor said, "Wow. I can't believe it. Your heartbeat is only out by a little bit. What happened to you was very serious. You could have died. You must be very lucky." When she heard this, the teacher smiled. She knew it wasn't luck that kept her alive. It was our good, good God who saved her that day. Did God send an angel to pull her away? Who knows? She certainly didn't see any angels that day, but hey, just like we learnt in our Bible story, just because we don't see them, it doesn't mean that they aren't there!

What do we do now that we know there are angels watching over us? Do we start to take foolish chances with our safety? No. God's promises of protection do not make us reckless. Instead of foolishly putting ourselves in danger, we become thankful that God loves us so much He commands His angels to watch over us in all our ways. This means they guard and protect us not just sometimes, but all the time. We also give thanks that our God is so good, He listens to us when we pray. When Elisha prayed, God

commanded His angel army to do what Elisha said. We activate God's angelic protection over us when we pray!

The good news is that we don't even have to wonder what to say. The best and most powerful prayers are when we say what God says. Let's take a look at our verse for today. You can flip open your Bibles and read it as well as highlight it with me. In Psalms 91: 11 it says: "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." Say what God says and claim this verse as your own. Say: "He gives His angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways." Now, I want you to say it with you name. Say: "He gives His angels charge over _______ (say your name), to keep ______ (say your name) in all me ways." If you believe this, say a big 'Amen'.

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus'name," and everyone say, "Amen."